

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY
(SEPARATE SHEET)**

International application N°
PCT/FR2004/001764

Regarding Item V

Motivated declaration concerning originality, inventive activity and suitability for industrial application - quotations and explanations in support of this declaration.

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE 23 63 921 A (KORSCH SPEZIALFAB EMIL) 3 July 1975 (1975-07-03)

Document D1, which is considered to be the state of the art closest to the subject of claims 1 and 21, describes (see page 7 line 12, and page 10 line 12 - the references in brackets apply to this document):

An installation that includes a machine for the production of tablets, where the machine has at least one enclosure (12), and where the installation further included resources (49-66) to inject a gas into the enclosure (12) and distribute it throughout the enclosure (12), with the said resources (49-66) being arranged to control the temperature of a gas at a predetermined location (64-66) in order to ensure that the temperature of the gas in the enclosure (12) reaches a predetermined value.

The associated process for the manufacture of tablets also performs this control of temperature within the enclosure.

As a consequence, the subject of claims 1 and 21 differs from this installation, and from the associated known manufacturing process, in that the resources are arranged to control the temperature of the gas upstream of the enclosure.

The subject of claims 1 and 21 is therefore new (article 33 (2) PCT).

The problem that this present invention proposes to solve can therefore be considered as choosing a new position at which to control the temperature.

The solution of this problem, proposed in claims 1 and 21 of this present application, is considered to involve inventive activity (article 33(3) PCT), since it is neither described nor suggested in the state of the art (existing designs).

Claims 2-20 and 22 are dependent on claims 1 and 21, and therefore, as such, also satisfy the conditions required by the PCT regarding originality and inventive activity.